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Dear Mr. Hirota:

I have now received your application, together with letters of recommendation from your references. It was therefore possible to send these documents to the University Committee on Fellowships, which will review your application. If they award the fellowship, I will be most pleased to have you in my laboratory. However, I must ask that you be free to remain here as long as will be required to obtain your Ph.D. degree. This may require 3-4 years, partly depending on your facility with English.

To avoid any misunderstanding, in case you will be waiting to return to a definite position in Japan, you should have a letter from your professor that he is agreeable to this arrangement. In any case, I will ask your assurance that you can spend this length of time in your studies here.

c If it is absolutely essential to you, you can plan to come here this September. However, the laboratory will be rather crowded, and it would be better if you could begin in February 1958. That means you should plan to reach ~~the~~ Madison about January 25 to arrange housing etc. There are quite a few Japanese students on campus, including Tetsuo Iino in this laboratory, which will be some help to you, I am sure, in your acclimation to a new country. Please let me know if next January would be as satisfactory for you as September.

I will be in France and England from March 6 - April 5. If the Committee acts before then, you will hear of it, but please do not be disturbed if you do not get an early reply.

We are trying to repeat your acriflavine experiments (using now the correct amount, 20 microg/ml. ) Our first run with 200 mcg/ml was not very convincing. I have no doubt as to the correctness of your finding, but we must find the conditions for regular reproducibility.

Please give my regards to Professor Kikkawa, and my thanks for his good part in your application.

Yours sincerely,

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